



Faculty Senate Minutes May 2006
May 13, 2006
Room, A2052 4:00 PM – 5:40 PM

Officers	Basic Science Senators	Clinical Science Senators	GSN Senators
P Denes Agoston, President (APG)	P Dechang Chen (PMB)	P Steven Durning (MED)	P Mary Schroeder (GSN)
P Paul Hemmer, Past President (MED)	P Stephen Craig (MEM)	P William Gilliland (MED)	P Cristine Kasper (GSN)
P Gerald Denton, President Elect (MED)	P Deborah Girasek (PMB)	A Jeffrey Jackson (MED)	Non-Billeted Faculty Senators
A Diane Padden, Secretary/Treas (GSN)	P David Grahame (BIO)	A Richard Schaefer (SURG)	A John Gilstad (MED)
	P Tonie Hooper (PMB)	P Jack Tsao (NEURO)	A Brian Cuneo (MED)
	A David Johanson (PMB)	A David Welling (SURG)	A Joseph Parker (MED)
	P Lisa Schwartz (APG)	P Teodor Brumeanu (MED)	A Jeffrey Becker (PEDS)
	P Marcy Grace (AFRRI)		NOTE: P – PRESENT
	P Neil Grunberg (MPS)		A - ABSENT

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Issues for Discussion</u>	<u>Action (Voting Decisions)</u>
I. Call to Order: 4:00 PM in A2052		A quorum was noted. There were 17 of 26 voting Faculty Senate members present
II. Approval of April Minutes	Done via email prior to meeting.	Distributed to Faculty Assembly, email 4/26/06

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III. Announcements	Research day schedule was reviewed, and limited faculty senate input was sought in planning this year's events. First meeting to plan 2007 research day will be in June 2006. Dr. Kasper (GSN Senator) is chair of the 2007 planning committee	None
IV. Preparation for Faculty Assembly 14 June at 1600	Plan: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Announce election results 2. Present faculty awards – Carol Johns and Faculty Appreciation Award 3. Committee Reports – 5-10 mins per committee, with slides. Committee chairs MUST be prepared for the assembly. 4. Dr. Rice “mini town hall” Q&A session approx 20 minutes 	
V. Motion to establish a “Faculty Senate Appreciation Award”	The USU Faculty will offer an award for “truly outstanding contributions to the USU community”. Award is to be given periodically, but no more than annually to any member of the USU family (staff, student, faculty, etc.). Award will be decided at May Faculty Senate meeting and awarded at the spring faculty assembly.	Motion was seconded and passed
VI. Motion to award this year's “Faculty Senate Appreciation Award” to a chosen nominee.	Discussion was minimal.	Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
VII. Motion to give the Internal Medicine Maher Award at the spring faculty assembly.	Discussion was spirited and wide-ranging. Pro arguments: DOM awards had been presented at Research Day banquet for a number of years, but were dropped from this year's banquet by the Research Day planning committee without plans made for another venue; Con arguments: Award is departmental and not faculty-wide; no other departments have been given the opportunity to present their awards at the spring assembly and would only seem fair to do this; does not fit with the typical agenda of a Faculty Assembly; awards given at this year's spring assembly are faculty awards, rather than departmental. After the vote, we discussed that next year's senate should consider sponsoring a forum to honor faculty achievement across departments	Motion was seconded, but defeated by a 9:6 margin

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VIII. Motion to give the Carol Johns award at the final faculty assembly of the year	Minimal discussion	Motion was seconded and passed unanimously
IX. Committee Reports:	Welfare/Comparability: No report Education: No report Communication: No report Research: No report Nominations and Elections: Slate of nominees for election was presented. We moved senator nominees from clinical to basic science status based on assigned departments. There were no nominees for secretary-treasurer. Date to finalize the election slate was moved to Wednesday, 17 May. Senators will vote whether or not to accept the slate of candidates via email. Constitution and Bylaws: The committee presented three amendments for consideration by the senate. Please see attached sheets for details.	Deferred voting until next week via email
	Amendment 1. Briefly: To ensure that the senate president is elected from basic and clinical science departments on alternate years	Seconded and passed to be placed on ballot.
	Amendment 2. Briefly: Change constitution's wording about committee meetings	Seconded and passed to be placed on ballot
	Amendment 3. Briefly: Change constitution's wording about senators' involvement with the senate, attendance at senate meetings, and response to email. Lively discussion ensued. Pros: Encouraging involvement by senators; setting a standard for senator involvement. Cons: Discourage future senate volunteers; amendment difficult to enforce	Seconded and defeated. Current constitution language will remain.
X. AFRRI status	AFRRI is now officially under USU. However, faculty appointments for AFRRI staff are in limbo currently. Different pay structure; different criteria for appointments. Over the course of the next year, we need to decide how many AFRRI spots should be on the senate. President of Senate can (and will) decide how many AFRRI faculty can sit on senate as observers, not voting. Need to point out disparate status to Dr. Rice and discuss further with CAPT committee.	
XI. Dean's meeting report:	Little to discuss Dr. Zerhouni will be attending Bushmaster as an observer	

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XII. Website Improvements	More information, chairs of committees are posted. Much general agreement was expressed applauding the improvements.	
XIII. Adjournment	1740 hours. Next Senate Meeting: Thursday, 8 June, 1600 hrs Room A2052	

Appendix: Proposed changes to the Constitution of Faculty Organizations
10 May 2006

Amendment 1: President-elect proposed changes.

Current language:

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Proposed Revision:

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b. The President-elect candidate(s) shall alternate every other election year between a University Faculty Assembly member from the Clinical Sciences and Basic Sciences.

Amendment 2: Committee charges proposed changes

Current language:

Section 6. Committees

The President of the Senate may appoint chairpersons and members of all Senate committees and may determine the number of persons on each committee with concurrence of the Senate. A member may serve on no more than two Standing Committees of the Senate. Committee appointments shall be determined within thirty days following the first meeting of the newly elected Faculty Senate. All Senators must serve on at least one committee. All committees must meet on a regular basis and at least quarterly. The Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate will consist of:

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Education Committee

Current language:

The Education Committee shall be concerned with all curricula, student promotions, and education activities of the University.

Proposed revision:

The Education Committee shall be concerned with all curricula, student promotions, faculty development, and education activities of the University.

Amendment 3: Attendance/participation in Senate activities

Current language

e. Senators are required to attend the scheduled Senate meetings in order to retain their membership. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings or a total of five meetings in a single year will require review of that Senator's membership in the Senate as a formal agenda item at the next scheduled meeting of the Senate. A simple majority vote will be sufficient to decide continuation of membership.

Proposed revision

Article III
Section 2.

e. In order to retain membership, Senators are expected to be actively involved in the leadership of the faculty assembly. Inactivity may be considered grounds for terminating a Senator's term. Inactive senators' status will be reviewed as a formal agenda item at the next scheduled meeting of the Senate. A simple majority vote will be sufficient to decide continuation of membership. Inactivity will be defined as:

- i. Missing three or more consecutive senate meetings or five total meetings in a single academic year.
- ii. Failure to respond to at least 75% of email communication from the senate leadership (past president, president, president elect, and/or secretary) within 3 business days.
- iii. Missing two consecutive senate committee meetings, without sufficient explanation or prior approval.

Respectfully submitted:

Dodd Denton
President-elect
Acting Secretary

Approved/Disapproved:

Denes Agoston
President